

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A method of operating a monitoring system using an image capture device, the method characterised by the steps of
  - a) defining a number of sectors on the field of view of the image capture device, and
  - b) assigning at least one independent monitoring and control parameters parameter to each of the sectors,
  - c) assigning at least one independent control parameter to each of the sectors, and
  - d) signalling different and independent outputs for the sectors depending on the independent control parameter or parameters assigned to each sector.
2. (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the positioning and size of the sectors are variable and selectable by an operator of the system.
3. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein each sector can be enabled simultaneously or independently with the other sectors.
4. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein each sector has assigned to it at least one event definition parameter.

5. (original): A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein at least one of the event definitions is motion detection.

6. (currently amended): A method as claimed in ~~either claim 4 or claim 5~~ wherein ~~one of the parameters is a control function linked to an event definition~~ an output is the storage of data relating to an event.

7. (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 6 5 wherein ~~the control function is the storage of data relating to an event~~ an output is motion tracking by the image capture device.

8. (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 6 5 wherein ~~the control function is motion tracking by the image capture device~~ an output is the triggering of an alarm.

9. (previously presented): A monitoring system operable by the method claimed in claim 1.

10. (previously presented): Hardware containing a set of instructions for operation of a monitoring system according to the method as claimed in claim 1.

11. (previously presented): A camera operable by the method as claimed in claim 1.

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Claims 12-16 (canceled).